

maximum extent, thereby extending the benefits of Minimum Support Price to local farmers. This scheme also enables supply of foodgrains more suited to the local taste under PDS and it helps to reduce the transportation and transit costs of the Food Corporation of India. Since transportation cost forms substantial part of FCI's distribution costs and consequently of economic cost (as most of the foodgrains is procured in Punjab and Haryana and transported to other States) it was envisaged that DCP operation would result in overall savings of subsidy reducing transportation cost.

FCI's economic cost is fixed on all India basis and economic cost for DCP States is fixed State-wise. Many items in the economic cost e.g. statutory charges, transportation charges, handling charges etc. vary from State to State and therefore economic cost also vary State to State and any State's economic cost is not comparable to FCI's economic cost.

Production of sugar

†300. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the production of sugar during the sugarcane crushing period of 2006-07 is being estimated to be more than sugar consumption in the country;
- (b) if so, what would be the estimated sugar production in different States and to what extent it would be more or less in comparison to the last year's production; and
- (c) the minimum purchase price of sugarcane fixed for the sugarcane producers of each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The preliminary estimates of sugar production in 2006-07 sugar season (October-September) are placed at 227.34 lakh tonnes as against production of 193.21 lakh tonnes (Provisional) in 2005-06 season. The internal consumption in 2006-07 is provisionally estimated at about 190 lakh tonnes. A statement showing State-wise

^toriginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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provisional production of sugar during 2005-06 sugar season and preliminary estimated production during 2006-07 sugar season is enclosed at Statement (see below).

(c) The Central Government has fixed Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane payable by sugar factories for 2006-07 sugar season at Rs. 80.25 per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 9% subject to a premium of Rs. 0.90 per every 0.1% increase in the recovery above that level. The SMP is fixed factory-wise linked to recovery level of the sugar factories and not State-wise.

Statement

State-wise provisional production of sugar during 2005-06 sugar season and preliminary estimated production during 2006-07 sugar season

(In Lakh Tonnes)

Sl. No.	State	Sugar Season 2005-2006* (Provisional)	Sugar Season 2006-07 (As per preliminary estimates)
1.	Punjab	3.89	4.51
2.	Haryana	3.88	5.50
3.	Rajasthan	0.05	0.09
4.	Uttaranchal	4.14	4.50
5.	Uttar Pradesh	55.64	69.80
6.	Madhya Pradesh	0.94	0.94
7.	Chhattisgarh	0.22	0.30
8.	Gujarat	12.44	12.26
9.	Maharashtra	52.64	70.00
10.	Bihar	4.19	3.25
11.	Assam	0.00	0.00
12.	Orissa	0.52	0.58
13.	West Bengal	0.07	0.07
14.	Nagaland	0.00	0.00
15.	Andhra Pradesh	12.75	13.26
16.	Karnataka	20.09	19.00
17.	Tamil Nadu	21.38	22.98
18.	Pondicherry	0.26	0.20
19.	Kerala	0.00	0.00
20.	Goa	0.11	0.10
ALL INDIA:		193.21	227.34

*Includes sugar produced from raw sugar.